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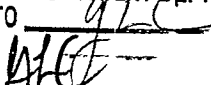
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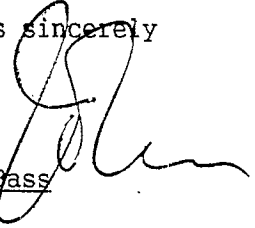
Following our telephone conversation on 17th February I have received from Dee Shannonhouse copies of the office actions and responses in the corresponding US application.

I note that the amendments made in the claims in US prosecution have been primarily concerned with, on the one hand, restriction to an elected group and, on the other hand, to putting the claims in better order to overcome an objection that they were too broad having regard the disclosure. None of these issues has been raised in the European search report and so need not be considered in connection with the Turkish application.

Accordingly, I await with interest your proposals for the response to the search report on the Turkish application with any amendment that you may find it desirable to make.

The US papers may also be of interest in connection with the corresponding European application on which the same search report has issued but where the next stage is payment of the examination fee. In my letter of 1st October 1992 I pointed out that payment of the examination fee was a convenient stage at which to consider any voluntary amendment that might be thought helpful. Because the European application will thereafter go forward for complete examination, the question of voluntary amendment is perhaps more pertinent than in the Turkish case, where we merely have to avoid XY category references in the second report.

Yours sincerely


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